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## Racial Issues in City Elections To Be Explored in Joint Meeting

by Bay Woods

On Monday, June 30 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Municipal Building, the Greenbelt City Council will meet with the Prince George's County chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and Maryland Fair Vote. This worksession was scheduled when a May 20 forum was previously canceled.

This will also be the first public meeting since a representative of the ACLU and NAACP wrote to the City of Greenbelt complaining of the at-large municipal election system and recommending the creation of single voter districts for municipal elections while remaining open to other solutions to the perceived problem.

Accompanying the ACLU letter was a suggested districting plan upon which Mayor Judith Davis commented that the proposed districts do not make sense, noting that one district is comprised of little more than Greenbelt Park. In a recent Gazette letter Jill Lawson, a resident, called the proposed districts "laughable."

#### History

On January 24 an article in the Gazette announced that the county branch of the NAACP would begin to examine whether the at-large voting system "disenfranchises minority voters." A month later, on February 28, Deborah Jeon, the legal representative of the ACLU, wrote a letter on behalf of that organization and the Prince George's County Branch of the NAACP. Jeon said she was writing to "register our concerns about the City of Greenbelt's municipal election system, and to offer to collaborate with you to undertake reform that will make the system a fairer and more inclusive one, fully representative of Greenbelt's racially diverse citizenry."

Jeon added that a failure to engage in this collaboration would mean that Greenbelt does not "meet its obligations under the Federal Voting Rights Act."

Jeon said further that "historically, at-large election systems like Greenbelt's have been found to thwart full participation in the electoral process by minority voters and candidates, thus See MEETING, page 6

running afoul of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act." Jeon explained that "the at-large structure can systematically exclude minority preferred candidates" in circumstances where, as in the 1986 case Thornburg v. Gingles, "the majority, by virtue of its numerical superiority, will regularly defeat the choice of minority voters." Jeon wrote that both the NAACP and the ACLU believe "this to be the case in Greenbelt."

Previously, however, Jeon pointed out that Greenbelt's voting age population is 56.5 percent minority.

When asked how a numerical majority of minority voters has its choices defeated, Meredith Curtis, a representative of the ACLU, explained in a phone conversation that, under the Voting Rights Act, Black, Latino and Asian voters cannot be considered as a single voting block. Rather, she claimed, we must "look at all of them separately." In the 2000 Census in Greenbelt whites made up 39.3 percent of the population

## The New Chef, Karim Kmaiha, Is the New Deal's New Deal

by Bay Woods

Peter May was desperate. He had run for president of the New Deal Café's Board of Directors and won. The café was a mess and it was eating May's life. They could no longer pay their staff. Only the goodwill of a few volunteers held together the quixotic cooperative that had been founded in 1995. Problems were numerous but the café needed a manager most of all. "Trying to attract a manager with a microwave and a hotplate was hard," May says. He didn't know if they could go on.

Then Karim Kmaiha and his wife, Maria Almeida, heard about the café and came by to have a look. Almeida didn't like it so much. She described herself as more of a worrier than her husband. "I thought it might be a lot for us to take on," she said.

Kmaiha, however, was intrigued. "It was freezing and it looked very run down but I had a feeling. When I came inside there was something good here, when you see people here they have hospitality. The next week we came at night and they greeted us so warmly."

They happened to come on a night when Middle Eastern music and dance were featured. Kmaiha, who is Lebanese, knew



Chef Karim Kmaiha and his wife Maria Almeida

all of the songs and the couple had a great time. May was also impressed with the couple. "They are such warm people and so genuine; you know right away they are good."

Like the others, Kmaiha said, "I can't work without a kitchen." May recalls saying, "Listen, we don't have any money but if you put the stuff in we'll work out a long-term lease." Kmaiha was willing to take a chance. "Maybe a stove, it will be easy," he said to himself.

Now he acknowledges that he "didn't know about the process, air conditioner, sink, everything." Kmaiha laughs and wipes his brow. "When first I come in here I look in the kitchen I didn't see anything. But I didn't think about what is in the ceiling but when you open a hole, another hole opens to you."

"They've basically spent everything to put this together," May said at a table in the back room in early June. Though the air conditioner still does not work, a state-of-the-art kitchen now exists where stainless steel

See CHEF KARIM, page 10

## Celebrate the Fourth of July: Fireworks, Concert & More

by Kathie Jarva

Greenbelt will hold its annual Independence Day celebration at Greenbelt Lake in Buddy Attick Park on Crescent Road near Kenilworth Avenue. It will be a fun-filled day of floating sea creatures, art activities for children, a performance by the Greenbelt Concert Band and of course the fireworks at dusk. All events are free.

#### **Fireworks**

The fireworks display at the lake will start when it is just dark enough, at about 9 or 9:15 p.m.

Safety is a primary concern and all of the fireworks crew are registered and licensed by the State of Maryland and have experience conducting firework displays. Enjoy the fireworks display from a blanket on the lawn or from benches or picnic tables near the lake.

#### Concert

Beginning at 7 p.m. at the bandstand, the Greenbelt Concert See FOURTH, page 12

Band will perform compositions from various periods of U.S. history, including anthems, marches and Disney Razzmatazz, which children of all ages will enjoy. There will also be a soprano soloist, singing a medley of patriotic songs. Visit the band's website for more information, www. GreenbeltConcertBand.org.

#### **Crafts for Kids**

Hands-on art activities for children will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. at the crafts tent. Children will be helped to create fanciful hats or costumes in keeping with the sea creatures floating in the lake. The luminescent floating creatures were created by Creative Kids Campers and friends.

#### **Police Presence**

A tent occupied by Police Department employees will be located in the grassy area near the main parking lot to provide

## Nominations Are Sought For Outstanding Citizen

by James Giese

Summer is here, time to nominate someone for recognition as this year's Outstanding Citizen at the Greenbelt Labor Day Fes-

Greenbelt is fortunate to have so many good people volunteering hours and hours upon end for the betterment of our community. Think of all those each year who put together one part or another of our Labor Day Festival. No one need spend fortunes on gasoline to go out of town and, at the same time, everyone can help raise money to fund our many great citizen organizations.

At other times of the year, other folks work to make civic celebrations like Greenbelt New Year's and Grad Night a suc-

Many Greenbelt organizations benefitting our community rely upon volunteers. Consider those, for example, who support our cooperatives, like the New Deal Café, Greenbelt Nursery School and the Greenbelt News Review. Of special importance to every Greenbelter are the volunteers who support our emergency fire and rescue services.

Some volunteers make our city a better place for children. They help coach and run our many youth athletic leagues. Others support the scouting movement. Some tutor children in need of a little extra boost. Others volunteer in PTAs or with church youth groups.

Many Greenbelters make our city a more enjoyable place by their support of the arts. The Greenbelt Arts Center, for example, depends upon volunteers. And think of those who organize and otherwise support the many musical and special events at Roosevelt Center. Others support our library and our museum.

Still others volunteer in support of organizations that seek change in the community. Some work for a better environment. Others seek to improve public safety. Still others work to im-

See **AWARD**, page 5

#### **What Goes On**

Saturday, June 28

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

10 a.m., New Deal Café Ribbon Cutting

Monday, June 30

7 p.m., Council Worksession with NAACP/ACLU, Municipal Building

Friday, July 4

7 p.m., Greenbelt Concert Band at Buddy Attick Park Band-

Dusk, Fireworks Begin (In case of rain fireworks will be presented on the next clear evening - related activities may be canceled.)

## **Letters to the Editor**

#### Farewell!

We are regrettably taking leave of Greenbelt to relocate in the Seattle area but we have relished our nine good years here very much and will carry with us fond memories of this magnificent jewel of a town. Many powerful experiences and people have graced our lives, for which we are most grateful. We especially appreciate our nearest neighbors in BellePoint. Do carry on, Greenbelters!

Best wishes to all.

Revs. Barbara &
Jaco ten Hove
(departing co-ministers,
of Paint Branch Unitarian
Universalist Church)

#### In Memoriam Ice Cream with Linda

I read with great interest the touching Don Comis feature about Linda Rose Byer and gained a better appreciation of the woman I met only once by happenstance last November. As part of the monthly filming of material for Greenbelt in Focus, the December issue, Malia Murray and I ran into Linda in front of the Mother and Child statue and suggested that she record a holiday greeting for exhibition with other such greetings at the Academy Stadium Theatres at Beltway Plaza Mall. Considering her circumstance and her gaunt appearance, Linda surprised me twice: first, she agreed to the filming of her holiday greeting; and second, she smiled straight into the camera and with an air of both cheery joy and authority, she said, "Let's not forget the reason for the season."

Of all the seasonal greetings we recorded as part of Greenbelt in Focus, whether from a minister, a dignitary, a community group or a citizen, Linda's gentle reminder of the cause for our celebration is the only one I can recall now and it affected me the most. Yes, she was who she appeared to be, she was mysterious and she was so much more.

Marc "Kap" Kapastin, General Counsel Beltway Plaza

#### Green, Green, Green

Replace several of the most heavily used light bulbs in the house with compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs. Added cost: \$10 for four. Annual savings: \$21. Lifetime savings: \$105.

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#### Traffic Woe Redoubt

I just read the article "Traffic Light Needed." I also have become increasingly frustrated with the high number of cars that have no regard for the crosswalk, lights or no lights. As for the article "More Traffic Woes," I do experience, multiple times, people who pass me on the right when I am either waiting for a person to cross or merely waiting to make a left hand turn into the parking area by Braden/St. Hugh's School.

It is not only a danger to the pedestrian but also any bikers; the right side is clearly marked as a bike path. Although I am also in agreement that action needs to be taken, I am not as eager to have a light installed but possibly rather a concrete reinforced pole in the bike path preventing vehicles from passing on the right.

In giving motorists the benefit of the doubt, they may not be aware of the crosswalk in time to slow properly. When approaching from Kenilworth you come around a bend at Greenhill. As for the other direction, you come up over a hill at St. Hugh's Church. In either situation, if the sun is an issue it is difficult to see whether the light at the crosswalk is blinking.

Maybe it would be possible to place another blinking/caution light a few yards prior to the crosswalk notifying vehicles of the upcoming crosswalk, possibly giving vehicles more time to slow down.

Lisa Holmes

#### Town Meeting On Elections

The Greenbelt City Council will be holding a public meeting on Monday, June 30 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Municipal Building, to entertain arguments about whether Greenbelt's system of elections is racist. I strongly urge everyone to attend if you possibly can and to invite your friends, particularly any who live in Greenbelt West. The future of Greenbelt is at stake.

On January 24 the Gazette announced that the NAACP was initiating an investigation to determine whether Greenbelt's electoral system is prejudiced against "minority voters." Presumably, by "minority" they meant blacks, the largest racial group in Greenbelt. The announcement went on to say that the investigation was just beginning and would take several months.

On February 29 the ACLU and NAACP sent a letter to the City of Greenbelt, suggesting a plan for electing councilmembers based on districts they had drawn up.

On June 5 the Gazette announced that the federal Department of Justice was also initiating an investigation into Greenbelt's electoral system.

Why the sudden interest from all these organizations in Greenbelt's internal politics – particularly when no one from Greenbelt (black, white or any other color) has publicly expressed any concern? Why have none of these organizations brought their suggestions locally, at community venues or with the council before threatening legal action?

Interesting questions. Let's hope we get an explanation on Monday.

Ed Kenschaft

## Westway Residents Ask City for Curb

Homeowners of 1 Court Westway asked this month for the city to build a curb in front of their property. Citing upkeep problems despite neighborly clean-up and lack of protection from vehicles, the homeowners say theirs are the only homes in GHI that don't have a curb.

City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin said the request will be considered for reasons of efficiency, "when the roadway surface needs to be resurfaced or rebuilt." This, he said, is not scheduled for the next few years. This section of Westway, he added, "is one of the last roadway sections without curb s and gutters."



Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, Inc.

## NOMINATION FORM Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form or a letter by Monday, August 4 to: Robert Zugby, Chair 94 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770

Name of Nominee

Address

Nominated By:
Name(s) (please print)

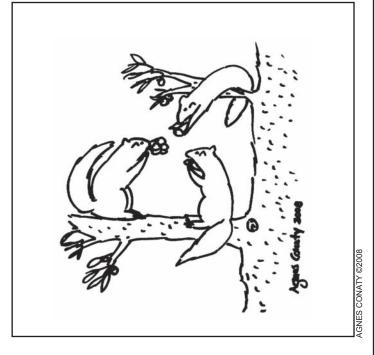
Signature(s)

Phone

Please attach a statement (preferably printed or typed) which explains why the nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time; specific accomplishments during each period of service; the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the city; and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material will be accepted but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person's good works will be helpful. The more information you can provide the committee the better.

Note: All nominators must sign. Use separate sheet if necessary. Thank you!!

#### Grin Belt



"My Pine Cone 101 summer classes will be in podcasts."

### <u>On Screen</u> Genghis Khan – Up Close

"Mongol" uses elaborate battle scenes to paint a more intimate picture of the man, Temujin, who became the legend: Genghis Khan. Temujin is portrayed by Japanese actor Tadanobu Asano, best known for his samurai movies. Borte, his wife and advisor, is played by Mongolian newcomer Khulan Chuluun.

Although "Mongol" was the official Kazakh entry in the 2008 Academy Awards, the movie was written and directed by Russian filmmaker Sergei Bodrov and much of it was filmed on location in China (albeit with horses imported from Kazakhstan). Rated R for bloody violence, this film runs 126 minutes, in Mongolian with English subtitles.

- Cathy Jones

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# **Community Events**

#### At the Library

**Storytimes** 

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, July 1, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, July 2, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, July 3, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.



#### **GHI Notes**

Scheduled Meetings:

Monday, June 30, 7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Tuesday, July 1, 7 p.m., Greener Greenbelt Initiative, Board Room

Friday, July 4, Office Closed for Independence Day

Monday, July 7, 7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Tuesday, July 8, 8:30 a.m., Ad-Hoc Yard Line Committee, **GHI** Library

Tuesday, July 8, 7 p.m., Sustainable Design Practices, Board

Wednesday, July 9, 7 p.m., Member and Community Relations Committee, GHI Lobby

Wednesday, July 9, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee, Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

#### Menu for Senior **Nutrition Program**

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the previous day to assure that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 for information and to make reserva-

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for June 30 through July 3 include:

Monday - Celery soup, meatballs with Swedish gravy, wide egg noodles, diced carrots, sliced melon.

Tuesday - Grape juice, chicken barbeque on a bun, macaroni salad, broccoli slaw, banana pud-

Wednesday - Orange juice, stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, banana.

Thursday - Lemonade, two hot dogs on buns, potato salad, pasta salad, frosted cupcake.

Friday - Fourth of July holiday.

#### **Next Explorations** Visits the Amish

Skipping the Fourth of July, Explorations Unlimited will resume Friday, July 11 with "An Amish Country Adventure" video in the Community Center Senior Lounge, Room 111 from 1 to 3

For more information call 301-397-2208.

#### **Greenbelters Open** 2nd Half with Win

The Greenbelters of the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League opened the second half of the season with a 20-3 win over Bowie Gold on Monday, June 23. The game, at Bowie, was tied 2-2 until the 'belters scored three runs in the third inning and went on from there. All 11 players got at least one hit; the team made only one error.

Manager Ray Reed pitched the whole game without giving up a walk and led at bat with five hits in five turns. Outfielder George Harrison homered and, in a busy day, caught three fly balls in the 5th inning to put out the side by

#### City Hosts Forum On Bus Transit

On Wednesday, July 9 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. the City of Greenbelt will host a public forum at the Greenbelt Community Center Multi-Purpose Room (Room 201) on improving bus transit opportunities in Greenbelt. Residents are encouraged to attend and share their ideas and concerns on the subject.

The forum is primed by a grant from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation/Land Use Connections Program. Technical experts from the consulting firm of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. will be available to present information on the existing transit system and to seek citizen input to be incorporated into recommendations for a strategic transit plan for the city.

"This forum offers the perfect opportunity for citizens to present their ideas and concerns about bus transportation issues," stated Terri Hruby, assistant planning director. "We hope they will take advantage of the opportunity."

If special accommodations are needed for any disabled person call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-3870 before 10 a.m. July 9. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or email the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.

For more information call Terri Hruby at 301-345-5417 or email thruby@greenbeltmd.gov.

#### **Labor Day Booth Spaces Available**

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Booth Committee has invited organizations to operate a booth at the 2008 Labor Day Festival, August 29, 30, 31 and September 1. Organizations that are Greenbelt nonprofit entities wanting to secure a booth should email Terry Goolsby at Sowinergy@verizon. net to identify the organization's name, mailing address, contact name and phone number. The committee will grant booths on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### **Holy Cross Thrift Store**

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m. 1st Saturday of the month 10 - 2 p.m.Good, clean clothes for women, men and children! Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

#### Junior Park Ranger **Applications Open**

Applications for the 2008 Junior Ranger program are available at Greenbelt Park headquarters, Greenbelt Park Ranger station and online at www.nps. gov/gree for children eight to 12 years old. Pre-registration is mandatory and all applications will be reviewed. Applicants will be contacted about approval.

This first session is Monday, July 7 through Friday, July 11 with a deadline to apply of Monday, June 30. The second session is Monday, August 4 through Friday, August 8, with a deadline of Monday, July 28. All sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### **BCWWG Bird-**Frog-Tree Walk

The Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) will sponsor a nature walk this Saturday at 6 p.m.

Observe the birds of Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) while hearing frogs of Beaverdam Creek as the group walks to a recent tree planting site to see how the trees are growing this summer. Participants will meet at the corner of Beaverdam and Sheep Roads on BARC property. Sheep Road is the gravel road just west of the sewage treatment plant near the compost site. Dress for high grass, ticks, mosquitoes, poison ivy, etc.

For further information call Michel Cavigelli at 301-614-0691 or email michel.cavigelli@ars. usda.gov.

CARRY-OUT 301-474-5642

#### **CARES Offers Summer Tutoring**

Greenbelt CARES will offer a summer tutoring experience for students completing grades 2 through 6. The children are split into groups. Second and third graders are together, fourth and fifth graders are together and the sixth graders work by themselves. The hours are 9 to 10 a.m. for English grammar and writing skills, 10 to 11 a.m. for reading/literature and 11 to noon for math. Children completing grades 8 through 12 may assist as tutors and earn community service credit hours.

There is a small fee to cover materials. For enrollment information and an application form call 301-345-6660, ext. 2016.

#### Illegal Immigration Session, Film July 1

On Tuesday, July 1 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., HelpSaveMaryland.com will hold a question and answer forum on illegal immigration in the Greenbelt Library's large meeting room. Collins Bailey, candidate for the 5th Congressional District, will attend to answer questions. The documentary film "Border" will also be shown.

For more information email Bob Fireovid at bob. fireovid@verizon.net.

#### **GEAC to Hold Monthly Meeting**

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) will hold its next meeting on July 3 at Greenbriar, starting at 7:30 p.m.

**NEWDEALCAFE.COM** 

#### **Postal Services** Available

Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall Center Court 301-220-1155

ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m. Adults/Seniors: \$6.50 Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.

Adults: \$8.50 Students/Military: \$7.50 Children: \$6.00 Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required (!) = No pass, No Discount Ticket

## Week of JUNE 27

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greenbeltfarmersmarket.org



#### **Congratulations to:**

- the following Greenbelt students, who are among those receiving a total of \$60,000 in 22nd district state senatorial scholarships awarded by Senator Paul Pinsky: Javier Ayala, Daniel Beaty, Robin Fish, Holly Beaty, Stephanie Holland, Edwige Kamdom, Andrew McLaughlin, Cory Holland, Grace Gyemfi, Ihuoma Nwachukwu, Chigozie Nwachukwu, Chibuzo Nwachukwu, Kristen Byers, Shaquana Davis, Saba Gyemfi, Chieun Ahn, Olakanmi Akinkoye, Felisceanna Alexandera and Sadie Ashby.
- ERHS graduate Kirby Forssell, who will be attending the U.S. Air Force Academy as one of Congressman Steny Hoyer's 20 service academy appointees from the fifth congressional district. The students and their families were feted at a reception and tea at the Library of Congress Jefferson Building Members' Room on Monday afternoon.
- Christine D'Esposito, who graduated cum laude from Portland State University in Oregon

with a B.S. degree in Communications. Proud dad Steve D'Esposito of Ridge Road attended the ceremony.

- 2008 ERHS graduate Sarah Roper, who was awarded a scholarship from the Prince George's County Educators Association. In August she will attend West Virginia University, where she will major in forensic science. Sarah is a resident of Lakecrest Drive.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt. com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

- Kathleen McFarland

#### City Notes

Planning staff met with representatives of the new owners of Springhill Lake Apartments - Mark Katzman and Mark O'Brien.

Public Works installed a French drain at Buddy Attick Park to help dry up the wet areas near the entertainment structure.

Special Details crew installed a new stop line at Julian Court.

Parks crew replaced two tot swing seats in the 7 Court of Southway playground and replaced three to-fro swing seats at the Community Center play-

Facilities Maintenance crew assisted contractor with the installation of new water fountain lines at Buddy Attick Park.



SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SERVE BREAKFAST AT S.O.M.E. Sunday, June 28 Meet at St. Hugh's School Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

#### **Thursday Evening Artemesia Birdwalks**

The Prince George's Audubon Society and members of the Patuxent Bird Club will host midweek bird walks for beginners and experts from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of June, July and August at the newly dedicated Luther Goldman Birding Trail at Lake Artemesia Natural Area Park. The next walk will occur on Thursday, July 3.

The 2.2-mile trail loops around the 38-acre lake and alongside Indian Creek as it completes its circle. Habitats along the trail include open water, wetlands, woods edge, riparian forest and meadow, offering opportunities to observe many species of birds.

Meet at the parking lot at Berwyn Road and Balew Avenue in Berwyn Heights. Bird checklists are available. No reservations are needed. Call 301-459-3375 for more information.

#### **Hospice Holds Craft Program for Grieving**

Hospice of the Chesapeake's Spiritual & Bereavement Care Center will host SoulCollage, an ongoing creative expression group addressing life losses and change.

In a supportive group setting, participants construct collages with which they can do exercises aimed at personal healing and self-growth. With this interactive technique, group members create a visual and written record of their healing journey.

The group meets the first Monday every month from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Redeemer, 7300 Race Track Road in Bowie. The next meeting will be on Monday, July 7. If a holiday falls on the first Monday, the group will meet on the month's second Monday.

Pre-registration is required. Call Roberta Rook at 301-499-4500 or email rrook@hospicechesapeake.

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Worship Service 11:00am

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Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

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# **GIVE THANKS**

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Count your blessings every day. For more information about gratefulness from an Islamic perspective, call 301-982-9463 or email info@searchislam.org or visit www.searchislam.org.



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Pastor Lou Redd 301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)

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prove the way the city looks.

There are volunteers as well who help those in need. Some help provide food or better shelter. Others help the sick or handicapped. Some work in support of one or more charitable organizations. Others are always there to help neighbors whenever the need arises.

#### Nominate

The Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen Committee, a subgroup of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, has been charged with responsibility for choosing each year one among many of these volunteers for recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. The committee, in turn, relies upon nominations from all Greenbelters to help it make its choice. Every Greenbelter is asked to think of someone who as a volunteer has made a significant contribution toward bettering our city and then to nominate that

A simple nomination form is on page 2 of this paper and may be used. However, any written nomination will do. The more information the writer can give about the nominee the more helpful it will be to the committee. Others familiar with the nominee's efforts may also be invited to tell the committee in writing as much as they can about that person's volunteer achievements.

With so many people in Greenbelt working to better our city, the committee must choose each year between many deserving candidates. With only one selected, it is not unusual for the current year's Outstanding Citizen to have been nominated and considered by the committee more than one time. We urge all nominators not to give up if their choice was not also the committee's choice that year. Please try, try again.

#### **August 4 Deadline**

Written nominations, in any form, can be submitted by mail, email or by hand to Outstanding Citizen Committee Chair Robert Zugby at his home, 94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. His email address is rczugby@aol.com. The deadline for submitting nominations is August 4.

The Outstanding Citizen will be named at the Friday opening ceremony of the Labor Day Festival. All Greenbelters will be invited then to express their thanks and appreciation to the 2008 Outstanding Citizen, as well as to those chosen in earlier years, at a reception in the city council chambers following the opening ceremony.

Then, on Labor Day itself, Greenbelters can cheer this year's Outstanding Citizen when he or she ceremoniously leads the parade down Crescent Road as Parade Marshal for 2008.

#### **Low Cost Generics Now at Giant Food**

In response to the rising cost of medication, on June 6 Giant introduced a new generic drug program to offer 350 of the most commonly prescribed generic medications for \$9.99 for up to a 90-day

For more information visit http://www.giantfood.com/ locator/?linkid=105.



#### **MEETINGS FOR JUNE 30-JULY 4**

Monday, June 30th, 7:00pm, WORK SESSION -- NAACP/ACLU at the Municipal Building.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

#### **VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on the: Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Recycling and **Environment Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee** For more info call 301-474-8000.



#### **Animal Control Yard Sale**

Saturday, June 28th, 9am Ivy Lane Basketball Court Park

Proceeds benefit animal veterinary care! For more information, call 301-345-5417

## **Artful Afternoon**

Sunday, July 6, 2008 1-5pm, FREE

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

1 - 3pm: Make your own mobile sculpture with Artist in Residence Marla McLean.

1 - 3pm: Local henna artist Ms. Gowri Arakere will be beautifying hands and feet.

**3pm:** Internationally touring husband and wife duo, Jesse and James perform an explosion of physical comedy with their fun new "Mutts Gone Nuts" show.

For more information, call 301-397-2208.

## Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center

#### ADULT WATER AEROBICS CLASSES

Session Dates: July 14th thru August 8th

Passholders and Residents register: June 30th and July1st

Open registration: July 2nd until filled

#### ADULT SWIM LESSONS

**Session Dates:** July 15th thru August 7th

Passholders and Residents register: June 30th and July1st

**Open registration:** July 2nd until filled.

#### WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S SWIM LESSONS

**Summer Session II** 

**Session Dates:** July 8 - 11, July 15 - 18

Passholders and Residents register: June 30th and July 1st **Open registration:** July 2nd until July 7th at 2:00pm (Classes may fill prior to close of registration!)

For more information, call 301-397-2204.

#### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Friday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

#### REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE:

Week of June 30th - Regular Schedule. There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday.

#### GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS NOW ON **COMCAST 71 & VERIZON 21**

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, June 30th, 7pm "City Council Work Session Live." Tuesday, July 1 and Thursday, July 3, 10am and 6pm "Ask the Expert: Diabetes." 7pm "Recycling in Greenbelt." 7:30pm "City Council Work Session Replay.'

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, July 2nd and 4th. 7pm: "Your Body, Your Business, Your Health." 8pm "Herbert Wells Ice Rink's Hairspray." 9pm "An Evening With Dr. Peter Hildebrand."

Visit Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov for updated information on events.

## FOURTH OF JULY

Friday, July 4th **Buddy Attick Park** 

**4pm - 7pm:** Tour the sculpture garden created by Creative Kids Camp and friends

7pm: Greenbelt Concert Band performs

Fireworks begin at dark. In case of rain, fireworks will be presented on the next clear evening (and related activities may be cancelled).

The Weather and Information Hotline number is 301-474-0646.

RESIDENTS: <u>ATTENTION ALL</u> Please inform all members of your household about this scheduled event. We do not want anyone to

be alarmed by the explosions and flashes of light from the fireworks.

#### **DONATION DROP-OFF**

American Rescue Workers Saturday, June 28, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00p.m. Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center *Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.* 

Donation drop-off is now twice a month on the second and fourth Saturdays.

#### GREENBELT TO HOST PUBLIC FORUM ON MAXIMIZING BUS TRANSIT OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, July 9th, 7:30pm - 9:30pm Greenbelt Community Center Multipurpose Room

Residents are encouraged to attend, and share their ideas and concerns about the provision of bus service within Greenbelt. For more information, call (301)345-5417.

## Youth Sprint Triathlon

On the morning of Saturday, May 31, the Greenbelt Recreation Department held a Youth Sprint Triathlon for children age 8-15. Over twenty youth participated in this year's race. The race was held on Greenbelt Day Weekend and began with a 50 meter swim at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center outdoor pool. Upon completing the swim, the children advanced to a transition area where they mounted their bicycles to ride a 1.5 mile bicycle course. After completing the biking portion of the race, participants ran about 1 mile around the Buddy Attick Park lake path to the finish line at the park's bandstand. The first participant to cross the finish line was 11 year old Maia Tooley. Haley Hilliard finished a very, very close second overall. Each participant received a medal and a Youth Triathlon t-shirt. Trophies were also presented to the top finishers in each age group. Congratulations to all participants and thank you for a successful event! The following were the top finishers of the age groups represented in the race.

- 8 years old and under Maria Beckert
- 9 years old Grace Tordsson
- 11 years old Maia Tooley
- 12 years old Mark Bailey
- 14 years old Robert Bailey



(Maria Beckert, Maia Tooley, Robert Bailey, Mark Bailey, Grace Tordsson).

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while African Americans represent 41.3 percent, with 12.1 percent Asian and 6.4 percent Latino.

#### **Contact by Activists**

Curtis said that the ACLU became interested in Greenbelt when community activists contacted them. She would not give the names of any such activists, though June Dillard of the NAACP said that Mel Franklin, president of the Greater Marlboro Democratic Club and Maryland Assistant Attorney General, first contacted the NAACP.

Franklin confirmed that he brought the issue to the groups, saying that Walter Hamlin, a resident and activist, made him aware of the "non-representation of Springhill Lake," as Dillard put it.

Franklin also confirmed that "about two months" after he contacted the NAACP, Amanda Gregory and Sean O'Donnell of the Department of Justice (DOJ) asked him about Greenbelt during a lunch meeting.

Franklin claims that the DOJ became aware of the issue through the Prince George's County Gazette. The city has not remarked on the DOJ investigation.

After receiving the letter, City Manager Michael McLaughlin and City Solicitor Robert Manzi met with representatives of the ACLU and the NAACP. City representatives reported that the city "had an open mind," a sentiment often repeated by Mayor Davis at worksessions

with various stakeholder groups in Greenbelt.

Two meetings were scheduled for May, one on May 20 sponsored by the ACLU, the NAACP and Maryland Fair Vote and another, a work session meeting held by the city on May 28. The NAACP and the ACLU requested that both meetings be rescheduled, in the first instance due to a scheduling conflict with a talk on the "African American Experience in the CCC," which had been sponsored by the Greenbelt Museum.

#### Paid Ad

The City Council took out a paid ad in the May 29 issue of this paper to address the issue. Council reiterated its willingness to engage in "listening to the concerns" of the ACLU and

the NAACP. In addition, McLaughlin submitted a letter to the News Review in order to respond to a June 5 editorial in the Gazette when that paper failed to print his letter. McLaughlin titled his answer "Here are the Facts"; in it he declared that the Gazette's editorial had numerous factual errors and called its statement that Springhill Lake is "overlooked by the system" in Greenbelt "blatantly false." He pledged that the City of Greenbelt has "and will continue to support the residents of Springhill Lake."

#### Listserv

The June 30 meeting is likely to be well attended. Many residents had earlier sent questions

to the ACLU and shared them with others on the community listserv before the May 20 meeting. The Greenbelters listserv has become a community forum surrounding this issue and many comments over the past several months have focused on the idea that the complaint is an attack on Greenbelt from "without."

One resident and "longtime contributing member to the ACLU," Ruth Kastner, recently wrote a letter to that organization claiming that the ACLU used "half-truths and spurious arguments and mention[ed] possible court action" to spread "demographic and geographic divisiveness.'

In response to her letter on the Greenbelters listsery, Joan Falção proposed a protest in which Greenbelt residents burn their ACLU cards. Diane McFadden, a member of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors, used a stakeholder meeting of that group with the city council to speculate about conspiracy theories. Davis replied, "We are at a listening stage. We cannot go down there with torches and pitchforks."

The mayor and McLaughlin, in their respective letters, have both encouraged citizens to attend the meeting and Meredith Curtis of the ACLU and June Dillard of the NAACP have expressed a hopeful outlook regarding the meeting.

#### **Greenbelt Baseball**

Corrected Major League Standings as of June 15

| National League: | W-L  | American League: | W-L  |
|------------------|------|------------------|------|
| Cardinals        | 15-1 | Orioles          | 8-8  |
| Indians          | 12-5 | Giants           | 5-10 |
| Yankees          | 10-8 | Tigers           | 4-12 |
| Athletics        | 3-13 |                  |      |

#### Major League Schedule June 16 - June 21

Playoffs begin 6/17/08 (7 Team Double Elimination) <u>Date</u> <u>Time</u> Tue., June 17 Giants vs. Orioles (Orioles Won) 6 p.m. Thur., June 19 Tigers vs. Yankees (Yankees Won) 6 p.m. Fri., June 20 6 p.m. Athletics vs. Indians (Indians Won) Athletics vs. Tigers (Tigers Won) Sat., June 21 10 a.m. Sat., June 21 1 p.m. Orioles vs. Cardinals (Cards Won) Sat., June 21 3 p.m. Yankees vs. Indians (Indians Won)

#### Major League Schedule June 23 - July 1

Playoffs began 6/17/08

<u>Date</u> <u>Games</u> Tue., June 24 6 p.m. Giants vs. Orioles Wed., June 25 Tigers vs. Yankees 6 p.m. Indians vs. Cardinals Thur., June 26 6 p.m. Fri., June 27 Winner 6/24 game vs. Winner 6/25 game Fri., June 27 8:30 a.m. Parent Coaches Game (played at Braden) Sat., June 28 10 p.m. Loser 6/26 game vs. Winner 6/27 game

World Series begin June 30

<u>Date</u> <u>Time</u> <u>Games</u> Winner 6/28 game vs. Winner 6/26 game Mon., June 30 6 p.m. Tue., July 1 6 p.m. If game

All games are played at McDonald Field. (In the event of rain the games will be pushed back a day and two or three games will be played on Saturday.)

#### Free Daylily Show

The Athletics have been eliminated.

On Sunday, June 29 from 1:30 to 5 p.m., the National Capital Daylily Club will present the 44th Annual Daylily Show at Brookside Gardens Visitor Center. Pre-registration is not required.

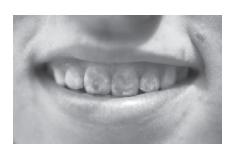
For more information visit www.daylilyclub.org or call 410-798-9207.

#### **Free Concerts**

"Country Current," a countrybluegrass group, will perform on Monday, June 30 at 8 p.m. at the U.S. Capitol (west side). The Navy Band will perform on Tuesday, July 1 at 8 p.m. at the U.S. Navy Memorial, 701 Penna. Ave, N.W. Call 202-433-2525 or visit www.navyband.navy.mil.

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## **Police Blotter**

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm. link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

#### Carjacking

June 14, 11:01 a.m., Greenway Center, a woman reported that she was getting into a vehicle after shopping when a man approached and struck her in the left temple with a closed fist, knocking her to the ground. He took her keys and fled in her vehicle, which is described as a 2002 2-door silver Mercedes CLK 320, Washington, D.C. tags CY8917.

#### Robbery

June 16, 9:25 a.m., 7900 block of Mandan Road, a youth reported that two young boys, ages 12 and 14, forcibly took his Sony game system from him while on the second floor landing of the apartment building and then fled from the building. The youth was not injured.

#### **Drug Arrests**

June 13, 3:59 a.m., 9200 block of Springhill Lane, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute PCP; possession with intent to distribute on school property; possession of CDS, not marijuana, possession of paraphernalia; and trespass on private property. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

#### Theft

June 14, 1:12 p.m., 6500 block of Lake Park Drive, a resident woman was arrested for theft of services for failing to pay a cab driver. She was released on a citation, pending trial.

June 15, 3:34 p.m., Greenway Center, wallets and various other items were reported as taken from lockers that were broken into at Bally's Fitness Center.

June 17, 11:12 p.m., Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, a cell phone was taken from an unsecured locker at the Center.

#### **Trespass**

June 16, 11:32 a.m., 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident youth was arrested and charged with trespass, as he had been previously banned from the property. He was charged on a juvenile petition and released, pending action by the juvenile justice system.

#### **Unattended Child**

June 17, 3:53 p.m., 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and ter leaving his six-year-old in his no arrests.

vehicle unattended. He was released on citation pending trial.

#### **Underage Possession**

June 12, 8:25 p.m., 25 Crescent Road, a resident youth, 15, was charged with possession of tobacco. The youth was charged on a juvenile petition and released on the scene, pending action by the juvenile justice system.

#### **Burglary**

June 17, 4:29 p.m., 6900 block of Hanover Parkway, it was reported that a living room window was broken to gain access. An HK USP .40-caliber handgun, a shotgun and a Play Station 3 were taken.

#### **Vehicle Crimes**

The following vehicles were reported as stolen: a blue 1993 Oldsmobile Model 88, 4-door, Washington, D.C. tags K29163 from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; a 1996 blue Jeep Cherokee, cancelled Texas tags 41W from the 9300 block of Edmonston Road; and a 2003 silver Chrysler Town & Country van, Maryland tags 975M427 from the 6200 block Springhill Court. Unauthorized use of a vehicle was reported at Springhill Drive.

One vehicle was recovered by Greenbelt police with no arrests.

Vandalism (broken windows) was reported at 9100 block Edmonston Court and 9000 block Edmonston Road. Attempted theft of and attempted theft from vehicles occurred at 9100 block Edmonston Terrace (2 incidents) and 7800 block Hanover Parkway.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7900 and 8000 blocks Mandan Road (3 catalytic converters); 6900, 7200 and 7700 blocks Hanover Parkway (2 catalytic converters, tools); 7200 block South Ora Road (tags 9DCD08); 7400 block Greenway Center Drive (catalytic converter); 6400 block Ivy Lane (laptop, school books); Greenbelt Metro (CD player); 6200 block Breezewood Drive (dealer tag, car stereo, speakers); 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (catalytic converter); 9100 block Edmonston Court (GPS, JL subwoofer and amplifier); 9000 block Edmonston Road (driver's license); 9100 block Springhill Court (gas); and 6200 block Springhill Drive (catalytic converter). One vehicle was recharged with unattended child af- covered by Greenbelt police with

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appliances shimmer in the fluorescent light.

Kmaiha and Almeida paid for the equipment. But its installation was a truly cooperative effort. Councilmember Rodney Roberts, Greenbelters listserv founder Andy Carruthers, Crazy Quilt organizer Joe Harris, Peter May and Café General Contractor Bill Wilkerson all came together with Kmaiha to install a range, a grill, a griddle, some smaller appliances and four commercial sinks.

Without Wilkerson the kitchen installation would "never have happened," says May. "He has lived here and put his whole life on hold to put this place togeth-

#### Labor of Love

Everyone involved sees the New Deal Café as a labor of love and it sometimes seems as much a project of art as a business venture, an exercise in wresting order from chaos.

Kmaiha, who graduated from cooking school in Beirut in the 1970s, knows something about working amid chaos. He owned a bakery and sandwich shop in Beirut. "I lost it in the civil war. It was the situation, no business, you lose everything." He finally decided that he couldn't take it anymore and left the country. He worked for diplomats, traveling for several years.

Almeida is Portuguese but she had been living in Brazil for some time, where she had family connections. She started to travel with the family of a Brazilian ambassador. "It was a good way to see the world," says the voluble Almeida in her charming accent.

In Finland the embassy decided to forgo a search for a cook and keep Almeida in the kitchen. "I said no. I was not a cook. But they kept me there anyway. So I am cook."

Eventually both Almeida and Kmaiha made it to the U.S. "Our story," she said, "is basically the immigrant's story. Come, struggle, learn the language. I loved it and got citizenship."

She also got married. She met Kmaiha through a friend who worked for him at the embassy. He was still traveling a lot but finally decided to leave the embassy and do something for himself. The first thing he did was ask Almeida to marry him. The cosmopolitan couple obviously love each other and are complementary personalities, a fact that comes across in the way they look at one another and finish one another's sentences. Their bodies even have similar motions as they move around the kitchen.

They've been married for seven years, during much of which time Kmaiha worked at the Lebanese Taverna in both Annapolis and Pentagon City. At the same time, however, Kmaiha and Almeida were looking for something to do on their own and a community they could belong to.

To Kmaiha, an experienced manager, the New Deal Café offered a business opportunity. "He'd worked at the Lebanese Taverna," May said. "And they have places all over but there is no Middle Eastern food really close to Greenbelt and I think that was alluring to him."

Though the New Deal is a cooperative, May and the board offered Kmaiha total control of the way the restaurant is run. "There is supposed to be one captain of the ship, not two captains."

Almeida, who will bake the

bread and desserts, said, "I am a cook but not a chef. But when he," she points at Kmaiha and smiles, "when he asked if I wanted to do this with him, I said okay."

Almeida has learned a lot about Lebanese food but complains that she still can't understand Arabic after all of this time. As for the rest of the staff, Kmaiha looks forward to training them, teaching them and teaching the community about his native cuisine.

#### **Excited**

Though Kmaiha has a strong managerial sense, he and his wife are clearly excited to be a part of the cooperative community.

"Where we live," Almeida says, "there are a couple of neighbors, you know, but that is all. Here people are interested in us and the food we might make." However much they like Greenbelt, Kmaiha and Almeida are not ready to move. "How can we move? We cannot sell the house," Almeida laughs.

The nation's economy grew shakier as the New Deal's infrastructure grew more stable. The chaos grew along with the order. Fluctuating prices made the difficult process of creating a menu even more tricky.

Kmaiha recalls all the factors involved. "It takes time, how they like it, you consider, the price of things, this is hardest. Gas prices," he says and shakes his head.

Then he holds up a package of pita that had been sitting beside him on the table. "If this costs a dollar today it may be a dollar fifty tomorrow. It is a very difficult time to run a business. But I love it."

When pressed on what he loves most, Kmaiha said "I enjoy to clean, I enjoy to organize, to see something happen, something nice. To organize everything. Like behind you, look. I like that," he said, pointing to three knee-high plastic containers filled with crushed wheat, rice and fava beans. "I like to put labels, everything organized."

#### **Dose of Chaos**

There is still a healthy dose of chaos at the quirky community café where they've been struggling with electrical issues, air conditioning and the bureaucratic delays surrounding the many inspections a restaurant must go through.

At 4:30 one afternoon, Kmaiha's dark eyes were not as crisp or sharp or full of laughter as they'd previously been, between his stainless steel colored hair and mustache. His voice was weary too. He had been waiting for the gas company since seven that morning.

"This is what happens. You expect somebody to come and they not come. It makes you tired." Kmaiha paused. "I am a mess, I swear I am a mess, I don't know what I do sometimes." As he said this, Bill Wilkerson passed by, ready to climb on the roof. Kmaiha's eyes followed him. "But the café now is my family."

One particular day keeps Karim Kmaiha going. "The really great day? When I start, first day open. I want everybody to see how was the kitchen before and how the place is now. Not just for me, for Greenbelt, for all the community who live here. This is a family place, not only for one person."

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#### **North Tract**

The North Tract, located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32, is holding the following programs:

Swamp Study – Sunday, June 29, 1 to 2:30 p.m., for ages 8 to 10. Get ready to romp through the swamp and learn about the importance of wetlands in this muddy hands-on program.

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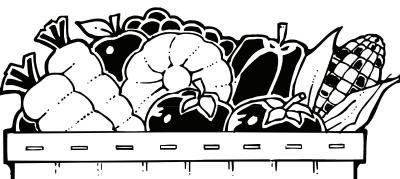


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Your Greenbelt Specialists





Greenbelt Artist-in residence Marla McLean leads a workshop on how to make a mobile with wire and recycled materials at the July 6 Artful Afternoon.

— photo by Marla McLean

## Artful Afternoon Next Week Will Start Friday, July 4th

Spicing up the usual monthly Artful Afternoon, there will be a chance to take part in a handson craft prior to the July 4th fireworks.

The regular Artful Afternoon will be held at the Community Center from 1 to 5 p.m. on July 6, offering a new variety show called "Mutts Gone Nuts" from Jesse and James, a workshop to create a crazy wire mobile and a place to get a henna tattoo. Finish out the weekend enjoying a close-to-home "staycation" for the Independence Day holiday.

#### July 4th

Hands-on art activities will be held at the park from 4 to 7 p.m. and people will be able to see this year's sculpture garden made by Creative Kids Camp and friends.

#### Sunday

From 1 to 3 p.m. local henna artist Gowri Arakere will beautify hands and feet. Participants can choose from pictures of traditional designs or draw their own. The "tattoos" last from one to two weeks depending on the weather and where applied on the body. The paste is a natural mixture made with powdered henna plant leaves and is known for its cooling properties.

Also from 1 to 3 p.m. attendees can make a wire mobile sculpture in a workshop led by Artist-in-residence Marla McLean. "It can whirl or swirl," says McLean. "It might be a face or a planet or maybe a feeling." Participants will use wire to create line and form, adding bottle caps, lids and beads to "create a hanging drawing without ever picking up a pencil." People are invited to bring caps, lids, corks, beads and other items to recycle into their mobile.

McLean recently won the Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Visual Arts Teacher, a high honor conferred by the District of Columbia for artistic excellence and service among District artists, organizations and patrons. Past recipients include Roberta Flack and Peggy Cooper Cafritz.

McLean teaches at Reggio Emilia Preschool, a D.C. public school program modeled after schools in Italy where every child's time and rhythms are considered in the development of their individual identity and capabilities while verbal skills, artistic expression and problem solving are stressed.

#### Jesse and James

At 3 p.m., internationally touring husband and wife duo Jesse and James perform an explosion of physical comedy with their new "Mutts Gone Nuts" show. Gags, juggling and trained dogs make this one of the wackiest variety shows around. The pair have opened for the Smothers Brothers and appeared on HBO's "Just for Laughs."

Every month, Greenbelt's Artful Afternoon includes a studio open house with the Community Center's artists-in-residence. Additional monthly activities include Greenbelt Museum historic home tours and the chance to visit the museum's current historical exhibit at the Community Center. All activities are open to the public and free, with the exception of a nominal fee for the house tour.

For additional information about programs of the Greenbelt Museum visit www.greenbeltmuseum.org or call 301-507-6582. For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts or call 240-542-2062.

## Tree Bark Recycled To Make Baskets

Laurie Gundersen, utilitarian folk artist, will demonstrate basket making on Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Conservatory Garden Court at the U.S. Botanic Garden. To help people appreciate the role of plants in everyday life, Gundersen will show how the use of bark, considered as refuse by the woods trade, can contribute to the cultural integrity of the Appalachian region. She will demonstrate various methods of peeling bark from fresh cut trees such as fire cherry and striped maple harvested in rural Randolph County, West Virginia, to make beautiful utilitarian baskets.

This program is free.

## Conservatory to Hold A Honey of a Lecture

Learn about "Botany from a Bee's Eye View" at the Conservatory classroom at the U.S. Botanic Garden on Friday, June 27 from noon to 1:30 p.m. In this talk Mary Ellen Kirkpatrick will explain botany from the bee's perspective and describe the production of honey. Attendees can taste honey produced from a range of floral nectar sources. An observation hive with live bees help illustrate the honey bee's life stages and way of life. A brief discussion will go into the challenges facing honey bees that have been much in the news of late.

This lecture is free but make required reservations by calling 202-225-1116. The class code is LH062708.

## **School Building Report is Online**

The results of a review of Current School Building Conditions for 184 Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) was received by the school board last week and is now available online. At Board of Education request, an assessment of the schools' conditions was recently completed and presented at a meeting of the board last week.

The review updates the last assessment done in 2001 and will be used by the school board when identifying critical needs and prioritizing funding for capital improvements. The board can then "rush support to the students in the greatest need," said Chair Verjeana M. Jacobs. "At the same time, we offer this report to the public in order to ensure transparency and accountability with the decisions we make."

The report says that school facilities are well kept and clean. Findings conclude that 25 schools are in "good" condition, 150 buildings (54 percent) are evaluated as "fair" and nine facilities are rated in "poor" condition. The analysis noted that aging buildings have: mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems that are antiquated, inefficient and in need of major upgrades and/or replacement; food service equipment is on average in poor condition and 65 percent of all food service equipment is beyond normal life expectancy; most buildings do not comply with ADA accessibility guidelines; substructures are showing signs of settlement and water infiltration; and exterior building systems are showing signs of aging and deterioration.

Greenbelt Middle School is listed in the priority 1 category of schools most in need. Eleanor Roosevelt High School is listed in the priority 2 category, intermediate need. No other Greenbelt schools were listed in the three categories of schools needing improvements.

The facility condition assessment is at www1.pgcps.org/cip/ – click on 3DI Report.

#### Phoenix Rising Helps Grieving Teens Cope

Hospice of the Chesapeake will host Phoenix Rising, its 7th annual summer weekend retreat for teens grieving the loss of a loved one. Space is still available for interested participants.

Phoenix Rising will be held July 18 to 20, starting at 5 p.m. on Friday and ending at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center, 975 Indian Landing Road in Millersville, Md.

Especially designed for students in 9th through 12th grades, Phoenix Rising provides a challenging and interactive program supported by a professional staff and team of trained volunteers to help teens share feelings and memories in a safe, accepting environment; find out that they are not alone in this experience; learn about grief; explore appropriate coping strategies in dealing with grief; make new friends; and have fun.

A Phoenix Rising participant said, "I learned that not everyone feels the same when grieving – some feel angry, some sad or guilty – and no matter what I feel that is different, I'm still normal."

For more information call 410-987-2129.

## Return of the Sea Monsters

by Don Comis

Want to see the Greenbelt Loch Ness Monsters?

Just come to Greenbelt Lake on July 4th, anytime, from about 1 p.m. on and you'll likely see a few of them dancing in the lake, near the dam.

Each 4th of July for the past three years these creatures have emerged at the rate of three to four a year. Last year I saw a whale, a skate (related to stingrays) named Gene and a sea horse. They are giant creatures, although the sea horse has outdone them all so far, the tallest at 9 ½ feet tall.

Greenbelt Recreation Department Arts Supervisor Nicole DeWald has done research on the creatures and says they bear an uncanny resemblance to monsters drawn on 16th century maps of Iceland and surrounding waters. "They look like hybrid creatures," she said, "each combining elements of various animals both known and unknown. There are

many theories as to why they surface on July 4. The favorite is that they sense a large crowd around the lake. Every year a few more of the seemingly endless creatures living deep under the lake

come to join the festivities and don't want to leave us."

The feeling seems mutual. Gene is named after Gene Diest, the Public Works staff member who is a critical member of the creature recovery team every year and this year will be no exception.

Once citizen kayaker Marc Siegel rounds the creatures up at 6 or later, Gene and others will load them up on flatbed trucks to find them new homes in city buildings.

"The weather and the fire marshal determine what time the creature roundup begins," DeWald says, hinting of a secret treat planned this year, weather and the fire marshal allowing.

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first aid and to help with lost or missing children.

The police ask that all park visitors remember and obey certain laws for the safety of all.

Do not bring alcoholic beverages to the park. Alcohol is strictly prohibited in this and all city-owned parks. Violators will be subject to arrest.

All pets must be kept on a leash.

All forms of fireworks, including firecrackers, snakes, sparklers and bottle rockets are prohibited in the City of Greenbelt as well in all of Prince George's County. Anyone in possession of fireworks and/or sparklers may be arrested and fined or jailed.

For security, coolers and packages being bought into the park may be inspected.

#### Parking

The best place to park is at home. Walking to Buddy Attick Park is recommended.

The parking lot is reserved primarily for handicapped and elderly individuals. Vehicles must have handicapped or elderly individuals on board in order to use this lot. Handicapped tags and/or placards will not necessarily be required nor will they guarantee a parking space.

Temporary No Parking signs will be posted on the streets surrounding the park.

Vehicles parked in the median

on Kenilworth Avenue to watch the fireworks must be completely off the roadway.

The roadway must remain clear for the passage of emergency vehicles. Vehicles parked illegally will be towed.

#### **Exiting the Park**

At the conclusion of the fireworks, police will redirect traffic to accommodate pedestrians and vehicles leaving the area. These changes will be in effect until about 10 or 10:15 p.m.

Motor traffic from the parking lot will be directed toward Kenilworth Avenue.

Motorists wishing to enter Old Greenbelt from Kenilworth Avenue will not be allowed onto Crescent Road. Traffic from the Beltway and Kenilworth Avenue will be directed southward on Kenilworth. Motorists may then turn left at Greenbelt Road and enter Old Greenbelt via Southway or Lakecrest Drive.

#### **More Information**

For more information about the festivities call the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-474-5525. In case of weather concerns call the hotline at 301-474-0646. Call the police only for emergencies or other police related concerns.

The following link related to fireworks safety is provided by the Greenbelt Police Department for your information: www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/july4/4thjuly.html.

#### **Post-fireworks Traffic Pattern Change**

After the fireworks on July 4, Greenbelt police will redirect traffic to accommodate the crowd leaving the area. These changes will begin at about 9:30 or 9:45 p.m.

Traffic from the Buddy Attick parking lot will be directed toward Kenilworth Avenue.

Motorists on Kenilworth Avenue will not be allowed to turn onto Crescent Road.

Traffic from the Beltway and Kenilworth Avenue will be directed southward on Kenilworth. Motorists may then turn left at Greenbelt Road and enter Old Greenbelt via Southway or Lakecrest Drive.

Regular traffic patterns will resume at about 10 or 10:15 p.m.